

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Willy MEIER ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Application No.: To be Assigned ) Examiner: Unassigned  
(U.S. National Stage Application of )  
PCT/CH2004/000562 )  
Filed: Concurrently Herewith )  
For: ESCAPE WHEEL )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 11 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendments sections of this paper.

**Attachments** to this amendment include a **replacement Abstract**.